

# State Government Budget Division

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

9:00 a.m. – 11:30a.m. Room 107 – State Capitol

## Members Present

Senator S. Kiscaden  
Senator S. Chaudhary  
Senator R. Cohen  
Senator C. Larson  
Senator J. Metzen  
Senator G. Michel  
Senator J. Ranum  
Senator M. Reiter  
Senator D. Senjem  
Senator J. Vickerman

## Members Absent

Senator Kiscaden called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Senator Vickerman presented for Senator Sams S.F. 616, a bill to modify National Guard tuition and textbook reimbursement grant program eligibility.

Witness in support: Colonel Denny Shields, Minnesota Department of Military Affairs

Senator Vickerman moved that S.F. 616 be recommended for inclusion in the Omnibus Bill. MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Nienow presented S.F. 1496, a bill for a Veterans service office grant program unexpended appropriations carry forward.

Witness: Commissioner Clark Dyrud answered questions.

Senator Vickerman moved the A3 Amendment be recommended to pass. MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Vickerman moved that that S.F. 1496 be recommended for inclusion in the Omnibus Bill. MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Wiger presented S.F. 681, providing a Military service members life insurance reimbursement fund.

Senator Vickerman moved on line 18 after of insert "Minnesota residents serving in".  
MOTION PREVAILED.

Witnesses: Colonel Denny Shields, Minnesota Department of Military Affairs answered questions

Al Loehr, Former Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, answered questions  
Joe Shirmers, St. Cloud, answered questions

Senator Larson moved that S.F. 681 be recommended for inclusion in the Omnibus Bill.  
MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Murphy presented S.F. 362 which would provide National guard or active military reservists interest free loans.

Witness in support: Sherman Patterson, U.S. Army Ret.

Senator Kiscaden moved to set the bill aside for future consideration.

Senator Murphy presented S.F. 363, a bill for National guard and active military reserve members state paid health insurance benefits eligibility.

Witnesses: Sherman Patterson, U.S. Army Ret. spoke in support.  
Ken Peterson, Office of the Attorney General spoke in support  
Colonel Denny Shields, Minnesota Department of Military Affairs answered questions

Senator Vickerman moved to set the bill aside for future consideration.

Senator Metzen presented S.F. 861, an appropriation for the Camp Ripley national guard youth camp operation and staffing.

Witness in support: Ed Howard, Minnesota Air National Guard, and Board of the Camp Ripley Youth Camp.

Handout #1 Youth Camp 2005 Budget

Senator Metzen moved that S.F. 896 be recommended for inclusion in the Omnibus Bill.  
MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Ranum presented S.F. 1891, an Underserved veterans outreach and assistance initiative.

Witnesses in support: Marland Ronning, Commander, Minnesota American Legion spoke in support.

Reggie Worlds, Department of Military Affairs  
Mike Pugliesi, Department of Military Affairs

Handout #2 Written testimony of Commander Ronning

Senator Ranum moved that S.F. 1891 be recommended for inclusion in the Omnibus Bill.  
MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting adjourned at 11:11. The proceedings were recorded and the materials distributed are attached to these minutes.

  
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Senator Sheila Kiscaden  
Chairman

  
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Patricia Rooney  
Legislative Assistant

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**AGENDA**

S.F. 616 – Sams: National Guard tuition and textbook reimbursement grant program eligibility modifications.

S.F. 1496 – Nienow: Veterans service office grant program unexpended appropriations carryforward.

Testifiers: Deputy Commissioner Mike Pugliese.

S.F. 681 – Wiger: Military service members life insurance reimbursement fund

SF 362 – Murphy: National guard or active military reservists interest free loans.

SF 363 – Murphy: National guard and active military reserve members state paid health insurance benefits eligibility.

S.F. 1891 – Ranum: Underserved veterans outreach and assistance initiative.

Testifiers: Marland Ronning, Commander, Minnesota American Legion  
Milt Schoen, CVSO from Hennepin County

S.F. 861 – Metzen: Camp Ripley national guard youth camp operation and staffing assistance appropriation.

